

HB 2600 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Governor, in appointing members to Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), to balance diversity of setting in which nurse or certified nursing assistant members provide care and give priority to members who provide care in facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services or Oregon Health Authority. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Percentage of nurse workforce that serve in long term care settings

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing aims to protect the public through the regulation of nursing education, licensure, and practice. OSBN oversees the licensure or certification of registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), clinical nurse specialists (CNS), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA), nurse practitioners (NP), certified nursing assistants (CNA), and certified medication aides (CMA)s. The nine member board is appointed by the Governor and comprised of four registered nurses, one licensed practical nurse, one certified nursing assistant, one nurse practitioner, and two public members.

House Bill 2600 would require the Governor to balance the diversity of setting in which a nurse or certified nursing assistant provides care when appointing those membership seats.